University in consultation with Ministry of Human Resource Developnwnt, with technical inputs regarding courses and curriculum provided by the Ministry of Civil Aviation as and when required.

Upgradation of non-metro airports

2581. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans to upgrade and modernize seven out of thirty-five non-metro airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the airports;

(c) whether there is any proposal to modernize other non-metro airports by 2011-12; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up upgradation/ modernisation work of 35 Non-Metro airports namely Agra, Agartala, Agatti, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Dimapur, Goa, Guwahati, Indore, Imphal, Jammu, Jaipur, Khajuraho, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangalore, Nagpur, Patna, Port Blair, Pune, Rajkot, Raipur, Ranchi, Trivandrum, Tricy, Udaipur, Vishakhapatnam, Varanasi and Vododara.

In addition, AAI plans to upgrade/ modernise 13 other non-metro airports namely Akola, Belgaum, Calicut, Cooch Behar, Dibrugarh, Gondia, Hubli, Kullu, Mysore, Rajahmundry, Srinagar, Surat and Vijayawada.

These project will be funded through AAI's internal resources and borrowings and are expected to be completed by 2010.

Accidents at airports due to birds

†2582. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigation into the reasons of accidents happened at airports due to birds has been completed;

(b) the details of arrangements made at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) and other places in terms of the investigation; and

(c) whether no accident has happened after making the arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There have been no accidents at the airports due to bird hit. However, 304 bird hit cases were reported during the year 2008.

Upgradation of Umroi airport

2583. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.